TARC NEWSLETTER

TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MARCH, 1995

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Charles Fagel KR4YZ 267-1475 SECRETARY: Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV 268-8537
V.PRESIDENT: Tom Nguyen AD4NA 636-6663 TREASURER: Clyde Lee K4EOS 267-9375

CLUB INFORMATION

TARC Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building
TARC Nets: VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910
Friendship - Thursdays at 1830 hrs on 146.910
Mosquito - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
TARC Repeaters: VHF - 146.910 and 146.970. UHF - 444.150

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Charles Fagel KR4YZ

The 1995 no-code class headed up by Professor José KC4VIO has 18 enthusiastic students and is progressing nicely. José still has need of instructors so how about contacting José and volunteering?

Get your club logo contest entry in by the February 28 meeting!!

The collection for Nelson AD4JH resulted in $82 being collected and given to the fund.

Warren KS4GP is still in need of volunteers for Field Day. Time is flying by. Give Warren a call.

In order for our technical sessions planned for the second half of our monthly meetings to be successful, we need your input. Turn in your questionnaires or questions to Tom AD4NA.

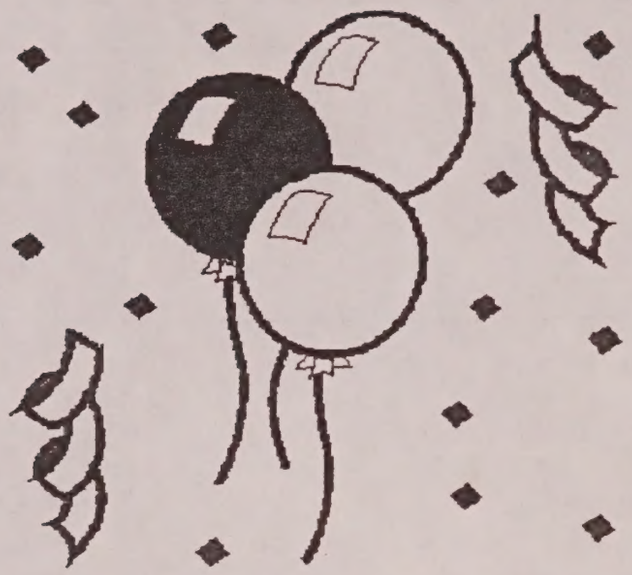
Friday, Dec. 15 is Christmas party day. Mark your calendars now.

Don KE4LNS has a blood donor program plan which will be of interest and beneficial to TARC members. We will ask Don to present his program again at the Feb. 28 meeting.

Monthly Meeting	28 February
Mosquito Picnic	26 March
Field Day	24-25 June

ORLANDO HAMFEST

Our swap tables at Orlando were a success. The long hours put in by Les K4SJC, Joe KE4AEB and others who helped "man the fort" during the hamfest were "above and beyond". The club members appreciate the work done by you fellows. Clyde Lee K4EOS



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 3	W4CCQ	BOB DARRAH
MARCH 6	KD4DOJ	FAYE SKIDMORE
MARCH 8	WB4LOE	LARRY SKIDMORE
MARCH 8	K3VMS	FRED SHELTER
MARCH 11	KC4TZY	JOEL WRIGHT
MARCH 13	N4KFP	TOM DOWNS
MARCH 13	KC4EHT	GERRY WENTZ
MARCH 14	N4PPO	JOHN STEVENS
MARCH 15	KA4LTK	LLOYD MULLENS
MARCH 15	KD4SSK	BILL MITCHELL
MARCH 17	KK4EY	LEE ROLL
MARCH 19	W4UYZ	JIM CREEVAY
MARCH 19	AB6NT	BILL MALLMAN
MARCH 20	KD4EYR	JUNE ROLL
MARCH 23	KA3CFG	JOSEF GOEBEL
MARCH 23	WB4PXO	JIM MORGAN
MARCH 23	AC4KU	AL SANFORD
MARCH 24	KD4JMX	STEPHANIE PHILLIPS
MARCH 25	KA3DUJ	JOHN ANDREWS
MARCH 27	KE4NVA	GEOFFREY CASNER
MARCH 28	KE4AGK	MAURICE GIONET
MARCH 30	KC4TE	GENE MANN
MARCH 31	KD4ITX	NANCY MARSDEN

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!!

1/22/95 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

By Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV

The meeting was called to order by Chuck KR4YZ at 1800 hrs. before ten officers/directors. He noted the purpose of the session was to consider and discuss plans for the club's activity programs this year. The following items were reviewed:

1. FIELD DAY: Field Day will be held on June 24/25 at Fox Lake Park, and our chairman will be Warren KS4GP. Cliff - KC4SYD has volunteered to head up the food/refreshment committee. Warren needs more volunteers for the remaining "chair" positions. A budget of $400 was determined to be appropriate.
2. EQUIPMENT: Bud K4CWG has volunteered to locate and inventory all club owned equipment/ materials.
3. HAMFEST: This year's hamfest is scheduled for November 11 at Fox Lake Park. Our chairman will be Cliff - KC4SYD.
4. AUDIT COMMITTEE: Bob - W4VQB has agreed to chair this year's audit committee.
5. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Carl - KD4CBT has agreed to chair this year's publicity committee.
6. CHRISTMAS PARTY: It was recognized that chair persons for the party are needed.
7. FINANCIAL REPORT: Clyde - K4EOS noted that he had submitted to the president a financial statement for 1994, and he listed certain items received after year end which will be considered as 1995 business for bookkeeping purposes.
8. BYLAWS: The bylaws are to be reviewed and modified as appropriate by the officers, and the resulting draft will be presented to the members for approval.
9. CLUB MEETING PROGRAMS: Tom - AD4NA will prepare hand outs for the Tuesday meeting in order to permit members to express opinions/ interests regarding subjects to be covered in the second portion of the monthly meetings. Also, Tom introduced the concept of an official club logo, and he presented a contest format in order to develop such a logo. In addition, Jerry - KC4UFI suggested that members might appreciate a question/answer period during the meeting in order to participate in and "steer" club matters.
10. HAM OF THE YEAR: Tom-AD4NA reviewed the program and noted that Dave-AC4JX was our first recipient. He explained that this was the first of

THIS AND THAT

By Joan Hoag KE4SXU

PUZZLE: Make a form of 9 squares and place a number in each of the squares so that when added vertically, horizontally and diagonally each row of numbers will total 15. No number above 9 may be used and no number may be used more than once. (see end of column for solution).

Christopher Columbus set an example the government's never forgotten. He didn't know where he was going, he didn't know where he was when he got there, and he did it all on borrowed money.

It must be wonderful to be a child. Every night you can turn on the television set and pick a movie you've never seen before.

The problems of victory are more agreeable than those of defeat, but they are no less difficult.
Winston Churchill, 1942

The great surprise of human evolution may be that the highest form of selfishness is selflessness.
Richard Ornstein & David Sobel

Sincerity is everything. If you can fake that you've got it made. George Burns

Assume nothing. Inside every dumb blonde there may be a very smart brunette. Ann Landers

Never kick a man when he is up. Tip O'Neill

The American constitution was designed to make it hard to have too much government. But what we've had too little of is responsible government.
Sen. Daniel Moynihan

Measure the man by the enemies he's made.
Slogan for John Vandecamp campaign.

There is no greater betrayal than when the earth defaults on the understanding that it stay underfoot while we go about the business of life, which is full enough of perils as it is. Jerry Carroll

The most dangerous hour to drive: 3:00 a.m. on Sunday; the safest is at noon Sunday. Health Magazine

The first generation of children from the 1980's crack epidemic are now in public school. They are consistently described as "remorseless", "without a conscience", passive and apparently lacking that essential empathy, that motivation toward cooperation upon which a peaceful and harmonious classroom - and society - depend. Michael Davis

The total number of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren "born" to the average American woman is 14; to the average African woman - 258! World Monitor

It holds six big gorgeous men. This is something I like in a car. Tina Turner in a commercial.

Color has power. Research suggests weight lifters lift less in pink rooms. Cycolor

Somebody said to me, "but the Beattles were anti-materialistic." That's a huge myth. John and I literally used to sit down and say, "Now let's write a swimming pool." Paul McCartney

The less structure men have within themselves, the more they will seek to create it outside of themselves.
John A. Sanford.

"The Sweetbread"

The sweetbread gazing up at me
Is not what it purports to be.
Says Webster in one paragraph
It is the pancreas of a calf
Since it is neither sweet nor bread,
I think I'll take a bun instead

Ogden Nash

solution to puzzle

8	3	4
1	5	9
6	7	2

TREASURER'S REPORT

By K4EOS Clyde Lee

BALANCE FORWARD FROM 1994	1,070.58
DEPOSITS Year to date	977.80
TOTAL INCOME	$2,048.38
EXPENDITURES	1,176.52
BALANCE AS AT 1/31/95	$871.86

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

By Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs on Tuesday, the 24th by our new president, Chuck - KR4YZ, before 83 members and guests. After the usual introductions and "pledge" the following items were addressed:

FIELD DAY: June 24/25 at Fox Lake Park. The chairman is Warren - KS4GP. Warren is asking for volunteers to head up some committees, and he would like very much to start the planning sessions soon. Cliff-KC4SYD has agreed to chair the food and refreshments committee. Warren also needs equipment, operators, workers, etc. Bud - K4CWG is preparing an inventory of all club equipment/materials, and anyone having club owned items should contact him. A budget of $400 was approved by vote for this event.

HAMFEST: November 11, at Fox Lake Park. Chairman is Cliff - KC4SYD. He will be seeking helpers as he organizes for the fest.

FOX HUNTS: Daytona Feb. 11 Tom - AD4NA is the bunny. Titusville Feb. 12 Joe - KE4AEB is the fox.

CLUB LOGO: Tom - AD4NA explained the need for an official club logo. He introduced a plan whereby members can submit drafts of logos prior to the March meeting, when a choice will be determined by vote. The submitter of the selected logo will receive a free one year club membership.

146.970 PHONE PATCH: Les - K4SJC announced that the 97 repeater now is equipped with a phone patch.

MOSQUITO NET PICNIC: José - K4VIO announced that the 4th annual Mosquito Net picnic will be held at Sand Point Park on March 26. He noted last years' picnic drew over a hundred folks, and he anticipates a larger gathering this year!

NON-CODE TECH CLASS: José - K4VIO noted the classes will start on January 31st at 1900 hrs. at the Expedient Services Classroom. There are to be ten sessions, each lasting about 2-1/2 hours. Graduation will be on March 28th. He anticipates some 25 students will be taking this class. Also, he commented that a CW class may be held later.

HAM OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: Tom-AD4NA reviewed the new program which was introduced at the Christmas party when Dave-AC4JX received the award for 1994. Members may submit nominations any time through the November meeting, when a vote will determine the winner. However, the winner announcements will be withheld until the Christmas party meeting festivities!

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: Carl - KC4CBT will chair this committee for 1995, and he has asked for volunteers to make up the committee.

ORLANDO HAMFEST: Chuck - KR4YZ explained that the club will not have a table at the Orlando Hamfest this year. Apparently, some confusion regarding commitment requirements resulted in our missing out.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, the club was able to obtain two tables in the main building!

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Joe N1PAW and Bert N1OGE from Auburn, MASS enclosed a note with their membership renewal check saying "Sorry we can't make it down in February - but may be will get there in October this year!! We really enjoy the club."

Y'ALL COME!!!

From Jan. 1995 Mosquito Net News

The Net will be celebrating its 4th anniversary March 26, 1995.A commemorate picnic will be held at Sand Point Park in Titusville starting at noon. As in the past, the Net will provide the main entree (Spanish rice and grilled pork). Please bring a covered dish of your choice along with your own drinks. This is a family affair so bring along your children. Plans are in the making for games as well as a fishing contest for the children. A talent contest is also being planned so dig out your musical instruments and sharpen your dancing skills. There will be activities for everyone and we hope you will not be too bashful to participate. Please let us know if you are going to be there so we can plan accordingly. Fun, Fun, Fun!!

such awards which will be given during the annual Christmas party meeting. Letters of nomination from members will be entertained during the year through the November meeting.

11. INTERNET PACKET: Jerry - KC4UFI offered to club members the use of an account to access an internet for packet radio. This offer should be announced at the next club meeting.
12. NON CODE TECH CLASS: José - KC4VIO will start this year's class as the second part of Tuesday's club meeting. Subsequent meetings will be held each Tuesday at 1900 hrs in the Expedient Services classroom, and will continue for ten sessions.

TARC HAMFEST
11 NOVEMBER 1995
FOX LAKE PARK PAVILION
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LET'S START THINKING ABOUT THE HAMFEST

10 months ahead of us. Our flyers have been printed and are ready for distribution. I have them available (in my car and at home) at all times. We are ready now for reservations and you are urged to take a supply of flyers with you as you attend any of the hamfest (tailgate) functions anywhere!

We still need volunteers/leaders in the following areas: food service, operations support/table moving, program of activity (prizes and prize tickets), and tailgate operations. The following functions are filled: Publicity Carl KC4CBT; Finances Clyde K4EOS; Table reservations and sales Joan KE4SXU; security talk-ins and parking Warren KS4GP,

I will issue a progress report with each newsletter until the hamfest and beyond.

Suggestion: Get a buddy to volunteer with you - safety in numbers! Cliff KC4SYD

ED.NOTE: Our thanks to Les K4BZJ for the following historical trivia from the North Brevard Historical Society. This will be a 3-part series. Les is to be commended for his volunteer work at the Historical Society. If you have not been to the museum, you should definitely plan a trip. It's fascinating!

HISTORICAL TRIVIA
From North Brevard Historical Society

This information is provided by the North Brevard Historical Museum located at 301 S. Washington Ave. in Titusville. Museum hours are 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. There is no admission charge.

1. On June 10, 1868 Mary E. (Hopkins) Titus, the wife of Colonel Titus, bought 73.52 acres of land for $500. This property was the nucleus for the original downtown Titusville. The land generally ran from Main Street south to Julia Street and from the Indian River west to Park Ave.
2. The year of 1895 provided a double disaster to North Brevard and Titusville. The great freeze of '95 wiped out the orange crop of Florida with the exception of some fruit in Dummitt Grove on Merritt Island. Also, a raging fire wiped out a large portion of the downtown business district on Washington Ave. Wind-whipped fires rapidly burned stores, offices and packing houses to the ground.
3. The first jail in Titusville was built at a cost of $500. With a size of 8 feet by 10 feet, this seemed a high price for the time. The first jailer was Andrew Gibson, a black resident, who cooked the prisoner's meals and generally watched over the prisoners.
4. The La Grange community had the first church in Brevard County. This small log building was constructed in 1869. The original church has been rebuilt and remains located at 1560 N. Dixie Ave. surrounded by La Grange Cemetery.
5. Steamboats were a major means of transportation south of Titusville in the 1880's. They were able to navigate south to Jupiter Inlet and would stop for passengers at many points. Titusville, Merritt Island, Rockledge and Eau Gallie had docks but the steamboats would stop for passengers that were taken by rowboat to meet the steamboat.
6. Cape Canaveral Lighthouse was completed in 1849 and was staffed by Captain Mills Olcutt Burnham in 1853. During the Civil War, Captain Burnham was ordered to put out the light since it was thought to aid Union ships in apprehending "Blockade runners". Captain Burnham dismantled the light and buried the parts in his orange groves. The light was replaced in the lighthouse after the war.

To be continued next month

MEET TOM AD4NA & TOYIA KE4BBG NGUYEN

Toyia was born and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas. Tom was born just a little way around the world in the province of Saigon, Vietnam. The one thing that Tom remembered the most was the first time he and his family arrived in the US. He recalled a moment where he and his mother went grocery shopping at Albertson's. When they saw the isles of bread, they were amazed that a baker can consistently cut so many loaves into perfect slices. Another puzzling fact was that they were able to be out at night shopping and not get shot at. Tom came to the US during the Vietnam war at a young age. He, with his mother and step father, settled in Ft. Worth, and he lived there until he went away to college at the University of Florida. In his first year of college, he met Toyia upon coming home to visit his parents.

They both recall the moment when they first met at a pool where Toyia literally fell into Tom's arms. After diving into the pool and hitting her head, Toyia emerged with a bloody forehead and was about to pass out. Tom, being a gentlemen like he was (with a babe in bikini) came to her rescue and then escorted Toyia home. From there on they were inseparable. They continued dating for a few more years, until they decided that a long distance relationship was too hard, and with parents consent decided to get married in June of 1987. Throughout college Tom and Toyia traveled back and forth from Florida to Texas while Tom worked with General Dynamics Corp., and a year later had their first baby. In this case, baby twins, and girls to boot, Terri and Teressa (Tera).

At the end of 1989, after Tom had completed degrees in Computer Engineering and Mathematics, they came to live here in Port St. John where Tom works for NASA. In 1991, they had a son, Thomas (Tommy).

Tom became interested in HAM radio and got his first license with the help of Bud, K4CWG (after a short conversation) in 1992. This story can only be told verbally but not written down. In 1993, Toyia decided to not let Tom have all the fun and got her first license through José's (KC4VIO) HAM radio class. From then on, Tom and Toyia are in constant communications away from and close to home. Both thoroughly enjoy being active with HAM radio. They are thankful to have met so many wonderful people through HAM radio and to also be able to participate with such people.

A CASE OF HONOR
From Amateur Radio Newsline #910

Here is a sad tale as reported by Tony Breathmach, EI5EM over in Dublin, Ireland, which would leave a sour taste to any serious DX operator. A blatant request for a bogus QSL card for DXCC credit!

According to a packet radio dispatch from the Irish Amateur Radio Association, EI5EM says that after a recent CW QSO with a European Station on 80 meters he received a package direct to his address. A correct QSL card was enclosed for the 80 meter contact, but also included was a card for a CW QSO on 160 meters that Tony says never took place. A blank third party QSL card was also enclosed for a special event Marconi Station QSO. Also included was a note specifically requesting a QSL card for the fictitious QSO on 160 meters. The note said it was needed for 8 Band DXCC as 160 meter QSO's with EI prefix stations are particularly difficult. But it gets worse still! EI5EM says that the operator also supplied a list of blank QSL's in addition to the special event one enclosed. Tony said it was obvious to him that these would become available if the 160 meter QSL was sent.

But we can all be very proud of EI5EM. Tony filled out only the legitimate QSL card and returned the other two cards with appropriate comments. Among the rare cards available from the operator in question were HBO, ISO, 4U1ITU. IAO. 4KI. 7x2 and numerous others. But here is the real kicker! Tony says that printed in bold type on the rogue operators QLC card were the words "DXCC Honor Roll"!

IRAQ HAM CONVENTION

Adel Aswad, YI1FC says that Iraq is planning to hold a world-wide amateur radio convention in March. He says his government wants to invite all active radio amateurs around the world to attend the gathering. With Iraq strongman Saddam Hussein still running Iraq, it will be interesting to see who from outside that nation accepts the invitation.

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike W4EPU

When I grew up on the farm back in the twenties and thirties, there were no tractors, no pick-up trucks, no power equipment and the like. All farming was done with horses and mules. My dad, among other things, was a cotton farmer. We picked the cotton by hand. It was weighed with old fashion pea scales and put in the wagon. When the wagon was loaded with 1500 pounds of cotton, my dad hooked a team of mules to the wagon and took the load to the gin. There it was ginned, making a 500 pound bale of cotton and 1000 pounds of seed. Both the cotton and seeds were then sold for cash.

The above, although true, is only a backdrop for the following:

Every year when this particular farmer took his first load of cotton to the gin and sold it, he went to the town haberdasher and bought a complete new outfit from the skin out, put it on and wore it home. Shoes, socks, underwear, shirt, tie, three piece suit and soft felt hat were all inclusive.

One year on that occasion, when he came home his wife commented about how nice he looked but asked him why he didn't get a suit with a vest as he always had in the past. Surprised at seeing no vest, he told her he was sure the suit had a vest when he bought it. They looked everywhere, even in the wagon. The vest was nowhere to be found. He went back to the haberdasher, but to no avail. They finally gave up the search.

The next year, when he sold his first load of cotton, he again traditionally bought his new outfit and put it on. When he came home he told his wife with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm: "Honey, I found my vest." "Where on earth did you find it, my dear", she asked. He replied: "It was under my shirt. . . . . "

OUT IN THE COLD

From Jan.1995 Mosquito Net News

And in her nightgown no less! That is how our first mosquito, Carole Ann, found herself recently. José had left for a meeting and had locked all doors at home (being so security conscious) not realizing his care taker was in the laundry room just outside the kitchen door. Panic! Then MORE panic sat in when she realized her predicament. She had no key, all radios were locked up inside, and she was not about to go next door in her nightie without any make-up or combed hair. To make it even worse, she could hear José on the radio telling a friend he would be back home in about 3-1/2 hours.

The warm air coming from the clothes dryer was not comfortable enough for the cool Florida day. The sudden realization that help was not likely to arrive soon, and fear that someone may drop by to say "hello", motivated our heroine to take immediate action.

Windows would not open, doors were not ajar and the barking dog was soon to give up her secret. "Oh, what am I to do?" she said to herself while looking at Tanner (the barking dog) expecting a reply but knowing one would not be heard.

She was fortunate to find a piece of wire (no, it was not coax) and skillfully shape it in such form to look and work as a key. Luck being on her side, she soon realized the door dead bolts had not been set, making her work much easier. After several tries while conversing with herself, since the dog would not listen anymore, she was able to pick one door lock and get back in.

A happy ending to a "it won't happen to me" tale. The moral of the story? If you have an HT, never leave home without it!

ASTRONAUT MOSQUITO

From Jan. 1995 Mosquito Net News

A stowaway mosquito was discovered during a recent shuttle flight.

The news traveled throughout the world and many wondered if our Net had anything to do with it due to our proximity to the Space Center and many of our members working in the launch team. As much as we would have liked to claim responsibility, it was pure coincidence.

We received a newspaper clipping about the stowaway from Tanya N7QJX and Charlie N7QJY Stinger #'s 619 and 620. Tanya and Charlie are sailing on the vessel "Cindy" and their last position was Brunswick GA.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members:
WB4EZT Nick Nicholas
KE4MNL Calvin Henshaw

Renewals:
W4AVP Jack Seigel
KS4BD Darwin McCombs
KA3CFG Joe Geobel
KC4HMP Barbara Goebel
KR4CY Bill Palm
WD4DIR John Messina
KE4EHH Ken Murray
KE4RFN Barbara Murray
W4EPU Pike Abell
WA4FER David Hurst
KC4HIO Richard Sweatt
KC4HIQ Shirley Sweatt
KD4JBE Hoot Gibson
KB4JBL Willie Williams
N4KCI Christopher Best
KE4MWZ Mike Ellixson
KE4MXA Noel Ellixson
KE4OZD Danny Burdick
KE4OWJ David Burdick
KE4TKC Harmony Burdick
N1PAW Joe Bonardi
N1OGE Bert Bonardi
KB4RBU Vern Bauer
KD4ROZ Leonard Zbiegien
WB4SIG Dave McLean
KA4WHP Diane McLean
KE4BBD Derek McLean
N4UTR Bob Martin
KC4HUG Faye Martin
W4UYZ Jim Creevay
W4VQB Bob Nedimyer
WB4ZUZ Wynn Rostek
WB4ZUY Theresa Valek

MEMBER'S IDENTIFICATION

Titusville Rifle and Pistol Club

This is to certify that:

YOUR NAME HERE

is a member in good standing for the year

NOV. 1, 1994 – OCT. 31, 1995

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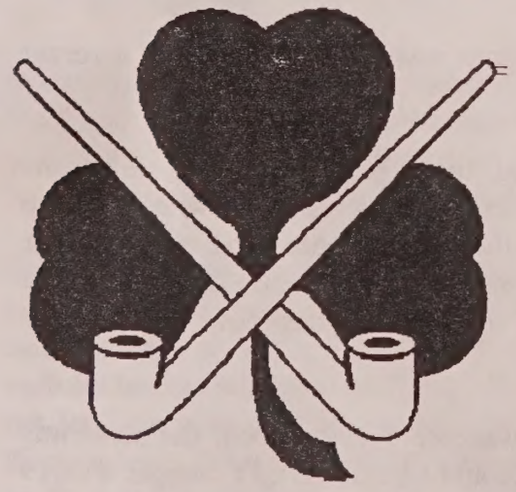
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